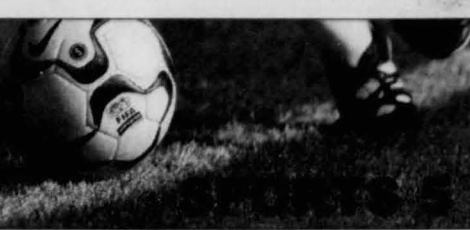




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SJSU task force examining social Greek system

By Tony Burchyns
Daily Senior Staff Writer

As the dust continues to settle from a gang-style fraternity brawl that killed one Greek student in January, the entire social Greek system now finds itself under the microscope of a school-appointed task force commissioned to diagnose systematic weaknesses and recommend changes, according to officials.

In February, just weeks after a bloody fight between rival fraternities at an off-campus park, Caret said an objective task force was needed to ask "tough questions" about Greek life and "tell us where the reality is."

According to two task force members, the committee has made meaningful, if slow, progress toward pinpointing that "reality."

"We've had some great discussions, some conflicts, some disagreements," said John Baird, task force chairperson and former SJSU business professor.

Discussions have centered on positive and negative aspects of Greek life, from drinking to philanthropy to academics, according to members of the committee. The 20-person roster includes alumni, members of the faculty, local citizens and students.

Sorting out the "pros and cons" and getting to the heart of Greek issues has been no picnic, said Charles Whitcomb, a task force member and executive assistant to the provost.

"Alcohol's an issue, partying's an issue, there are neighborhood issues, and male-female relations ... the negative does exist," he said. "We want to look beyond what (positive aspects) you see on the outside, at the shadows behind that."

To focus in on the specifics of Caret's detailed charge, four study

groups have been established to pore over specific issues, such as the degree to which the 36 Greek organizations at SJSU contribute to the total educational experience of its members and non-members, said Meredith Moran, director of student life and leadership.

Though SJSU has reviewed its Greek system in the past (as recently as 1999), Moran said the magnitude of the task force's investigation is unprecedented.

"I don't think we've ever done something like this before," she said.

Two-and-a-half years ago, Chico State University convened a similar task force to crackdown on Greek life after freshman Adrian Heideman died of alcohol poisoning at a fraternity hazing

ritual, said Connie Huyck, Greek life program coordinator at Chico State.

Since then, Greek chapters at Chico have renewed their charters, Huyck said, and alcohol safety has become a top campus priority.

Alison Lauderbach, president of Alpha Phi sorority at SJSU and member of the task force, said the task force has been examining the "best practices" of other universities.

"I think the Greek system is in a good place right now, and this will help it get to a better place," she said.

Defining "Greek"

At two leadoff sessions in

September, the SJSU task force invited outside students and faculty members to share views on Greek life.

Student panelists discussed the current state of the Greek system, and faculty members discussed the benefits of the Greek experience to the university, according to two of the invited panelists.

Sophomore June Tapiador, a member of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Allies, said he thinks unfair stereotypes plague Greeks, but Greeks don't do enough to counter the negative images.

"I think there should be more out-

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Students study and groove in the Music Room

By Sunita Vijayan
Daily Staff Writer

Smooth music playing in the background and a place where one can put their feet up and relax is what the Music Room on the third floor of the Student Union makes available.

With more than 500 albums and 1,000 records, there is bound to be something for everyone.

Justin Locquiao, a junior mechanical engineering major, who works as a disc jockey and overseer of the room, said the atmosphere offers a place to rest and relax while listening to a variety of music.

"It's basically a place where you can kick back," Locquiao said.

The spacious room includes three personal listening stations and an area where students can play games such as chess and checkers.

Locquiao said his job is to keep a diverse crowd of visitors entertained while they are there.

"I play mostly funk, jazz, hip hop and reggae. People who want to listen to their own choice of music get to go into one of the three rooms available for individual," Locquiao said.

Steven Lomboy, a senior animation major, said a friend of his told him about the Music Room about four years ago.

"I like to go to the listening room," he said. "It's cool because you get to listen to your own selection of albums."

Lomboy said this versatile space on campus draws in quite a crowd during lunchtime, when most students are in between classes.

"It gets kind of congested because that's when people get their breaks," he said.

Pratit Vakharia, a sophomore majoring in business finance, said he utilizes the room for its lounge area to study and rest before class.

"I don't think everyone knows of this place but it's a nice place to relax," Vakharia said.

Vakharia said although he likes the easy listening and variety offered, there are times when the music doesn't coincide with the frame of mind he is in.

"It's not meant for studying for midterms or finals but it's perfect for what I'm studying now," he said.

Jesse Lee and Dave Apgar, both senior animation majors, said they frequent the Music Room to sleep, sketch and eat while they are on campus.

Apgar, who found out about the place from Lee, said he enjoyed the flexibility and atmosphere of the room.

"They play pretty good songs. It's diverse and I usually find something I'd like to listen to," Apgar said.

Lee said the eclectic material of music played offered him the chance to listen to the albums he wanted to listen to.

"I usually find something I've been meaning to listen to, something that interests me," Lee said.

Lee said he spends time in the Music Room during his breaks, depending on his schedule on campus.

"If I have a break I'll come here," Lee said.

Lee and Apgar said besides hanging out between classes, they take advantage of the room



Rina Ota / Daily Staff

Junior mechanical engineering major Justin Locquiao picks songs Thursday afternoon to play in the Music Room which is located on the Student Union's upper level. Locquiao has been selecting music for the past two years, and currently works three days a week.

as a place to do some of their sketch work and to gain perspective on their drawings.

Whatever anybody's reason is to layback in the Music Room, some students, like Josie Sam, agree that the experience is what keeps them coming back.

Sam, a junior child development major, said, "I come here once in a while because it's a good place to rest, and I like the music. It's really relaxing."

The Music Room, located next to the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, is open from Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students study and relax while listening to a diverse selection of tunes on Thursday in the Music Room, located on the Student Union's upper level. The music played depends on the mood of the room and is pulled from a library of 1,000 records and 500 albums.



New evaluation forms to include open-ended questions

By Alexandra Proca
Daily Staff Writer

Toward the end of the semester, students in all departments will be handed a different teacher evaluation form than they used to see each semester for the lecture courses.

Last month, Interim President Joseph Crowley signed a university policy that will implement use of the new forms, said Steve Aquino, survey research and evaluation specialist. Aquino sits on the Students Evaluation Review Board that designed and tested the new form.

The new Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness, better recognized by students as a blue form, contains new elements that will make room for more student input and better updated norming purposes, said Michael Katz, chair of the professional standards committee.

The forms now contain three open-ended questions. Students will be asked to write down the strengths and the weaknesses of the instructor's teaching and to suggest any other comments they might have.

"It gives students the chance to add their own ideas. There was no room for that in the objective measure," said Sheila Bienenfeld, chair of the Student Evaluation Review Board.

Dorothy Nguyen, an undeclared sophomore, said the new forms would give students the opportunity to explain how well the teacher performed.

"It's more specific. When you're writing out what they are doing wrong or right they will actually know," Nguyen said.

Bienenfeld said some departments used to collect subjective information before but that data was not for official use because the questions were not standard for all departments.

Katz said the added section gives respect for students.

"It was disrespectful for students not to give them a chance to have official input to how well the course was taught," Katz said.

From a teachers' perspective, Katz said, "The new instrument is designed to give faculty special feedback if they want to improve their skills."

Elizabeth Cara, an occupational therapy professor

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Pucker up ...



Autumn Cruz / Daily Staff

Noemi Huitron, a freshman majoring in television, radio, film and theatre, and Jose Mandujano, of San Jose, kiss on a bench outside the San Jose Repertory Theatre in downtown San Jose Thursday afternoon.

Committee chooses finalists

SJSU presidential candidates narrowed

By Janet Pak
Daily Staff Writer

A campus advisory group met Thursday and Friday with a member of the California State University Board of Trustees to interview semifinalists in the SJSU presidential search, according to several officials.

The group is comprised of San Jose State University faculty, staff

Presidential candidates will be on campus the week of Nov. 10.

and members of the community, said Monica Rascoe, vice president for student affairs.

The closed meeting was held in Los Angeles between the campus advisory committee and trustees, Rascoe said.

Rascoe said the names of the candidates are kept confidential at this stage because some may be sitting presidents at other universities.

She said prior to the interviews, standard questions are asked of the potential president, she said, with representatives from across the campus including the student representative, Associated Students President Arash Shokouh.

"This is nothing more than getting down to the final stages," Rascoe said.

Rascoe said she hasn't received official word of any potential candidates from SJSU.

She said she's not sure what a candidate from SJSU's chances are in the selection process.

"It all depends on how competitive they are and how they compete with a pool of candidates that exist," Rascoe said. "There will be stiff competition because our campus is a large complex organization and the person who comes in here has to have strong skills."

There will be three to five finalists in the presidential search and they will be on campus the week of Nov. 10, she said.

Candidates will meet with various groups including the advisory search committee, the presidential staff, the Academic Senate and participate in an open forum, Rascoe said.

Colleen Bentley-Adler, director of public affairs for the CSU Chancellor's Office, said they are interviewing eight to 10 semifinalists.

Adler said once the interviews are conducted the committee and advisory group will make arrangements for the finalists to visit the campus.

Names and dates will be released next week, Adler said.

Irene Miura, executive assistant to the president, said she doesn't expect to hear updates after the interviews are conducted on the finalists.

"The plan is for (the candidates) to come during the week of Nov. 10," Miura said.

Rascoe said the chancellor has indicated that by January a new president will be in place.

IS IT FRIDAY YET?

Caffeine buzz beats daylight-saving time topic

Yesterday I had nothing to write so I sat at the computer eating potato chips and squinting.
The voices in my head echoed in the distance and vanished.
I was alone. In my brain.
"Helloooooo," I shouted.
Then it hit me.
"Hey editor, get me a soda," I hollered.
See, I don't know the art of writing.
I need trances and divine divination.
In other words ... caffeine!
A few minutes passed. My eyes got scratchy.
The phone rang. My editor, now at the store, had a question.
"Diet Coke," I answered briskly. "Hurry."
I had no funny stories, no scandalous rumors and no saucy adventures to report.
If only Greta Van Susteren, Gary Radnich and a bottle of Wild Turkey had resulted in something hilarious over the weekend.
Alas, no column ideas.
My soda was coming, though.
"My soda will know what to do," I said.

An eternity passed. My mind spun like a Rolodex. I could not pin down any ideas.
What's that? Why not tackle politics, you say?
I thought about it, I tell you.
Screw the U.S. sugar lobby! Open up free trade with Australia!
No, that's boring.
Infotainment?
Well, there's the Katie Couric interview with Elizabeth Smart, but there's not much to say about that. It was pretty short.
But Couric looked pretty awkward holding in all of those inappropriate questions. Then, in her voiceover, she finally said the "D" word, Date, as in, "Elizabeth Smart will one day go on a Date."
Couric, you über-news-hund! Go on with your denim jacket bad self!
Where was that soda?
Maybe I could write about drinking 20 ounces of soda, the personal joy of it, I thought.
"Here's your soda," my editor said.



TONY BURCHYNS

"Yes!" I exclaimed.
I announced my column idea to my editor.
"I want to write about drinking this soda," I said.
My editor gave me a blank look.
"Seriously. I think this soda experience will rock," I insisted.
"Why don't you write about something personal," my editor suggested.
"I am an addict. Caffeine, you know," I said. "That's personal."
"What about daylight-saving time?" the editor urged. "Write about that."
Nope.
I opened my soda and took a big sip.
"It is fizzy and just good," I said, stomping my feet.
"Katie Couric?"
"Denim jacket bad self! I already said it," I said.
"Say it again, anything about Couric."
I took another giant sip and burped.
"She kind of like a journalistic donut," I said. "Never mind." I drank mightily.

"Carbonation, you know, allows the caffeine to burrow into your taste buds," I explained.
The editor panicked.
"What are you writing? You're not writing that!"
I looked at my low sodium beverage.
"You rock," I whispered to my soda, feeling the caffeine ripples slowly expand. Waves of phosphoric acid crashed in my brain.
Daylight-saving time, indeed! Yawners.
"Hey everybody, I stayed up late Saturday night and the clock on my VCR automatically snapped back in time! It was a gas!" I mocked.
No sir, drinking a soda and defending the idea of writing a column about drinking that very soda while getting off the track is the best column idea ever, I thought.
Well, Katie Couric does sort of entice the pen. Perhaps I should have pressed the delete key for 20 seconds and started over.

Tony Burchyns is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer. Is It Friday Yet? appears Mondays.

Letter | Changing football team's name

Dear editor,

Oct. 25 was truly a horrible day for Spartan football with the embarrassing 77-14 loss to Boise State. I agree with all of the posts on Spartan Thunder saying Coach Hill should resign or be fired. But I'd go further. . . .
From 1972 to 1974 our school was the California State University at San Jose and our team was the Cal State Spartans. This is a much stronger name and has much more of a "big time" feel to it than "San Jose State Spartans."
The athletic department should consider restoring the name of the football team to the CSU Spartans and marketing the team as the Division I-A football program representing the entire CSU system, or at least the schools that don't have their own football team, which is most of them. Maybe this would inspire the support we need to get a better coach, turn the program around and start winning some games as a big-time school with a big-time name.
After all, would the Ohio State or Michigan State football programs be as well known and successful as they are if they were called "Columbus State" and "East

Lansing State?" No! Successful big-time state universities with winning football teams are named after their states, not their cities.
Would this require changing the name of the entire university? I would support that too, but it may not be necessary. It's our football program that's in danger of extinction, not the entire school, so maybe we could have "dual branding" using both names as appropriate for different purposes and venues.
I have an MBA in marketing from SJSU and solid training and experience in branding issues. Don't underestimate the power of a strong brand name to revitalize and re-inspire our team and its supporters. I honestly believe this change could help galvanize support and interest and turn things around for us. I plan on following up on this idea with our athletic department first thing on Monday.

Michael Harold
Graduate student
Business Administration

PERPETUAL OUTSIDER

Appreciating the four influential men in my life

It has been more than a year since his death, and if I turn around I still feel him standing there. I can feel him laughing, his huge body shaking with the soft rocking laughter and his wrinkled face beaming with happiness when he knows I am doing something right or when he is happy for me. And if I make a mistake, I can see him scowling, turning his face away from me as if he was sorely disappointed.
He, my grandfather, is one of the four men looking out for me. I had always asked him to visit me in the United States, and he said he would come when I had my own home to host him to.
Now, he is always in my memory and he can go wherever I go, without a plane ticket or a visa, and I wonder how he views the world from the new vision that he now has.
I still remember him dressed in the white Indian dress, his dhoti wrapped around his waist. He grew up fatherless and raised five children on hard work and tried to pass on the values he had always lived by — nonviolence, respect for self and others, hard work and simplicity.
During the 85 years that he lived, my grandfather never coveted anything for himself. He wouldn't even tell us about the pain that he was suffering from all night just because he didn't want to worry us. When he died, a whole generation of men died with him, and never again will people as selfless be born again.
Even in his death, my grandfather has given me a gift. I believe it was he who introduced me to someone just like him last year — someone who brings to my life all the gentleness of a soft-feathered pillow and all the strength of the Himalayan mountain range.
Without my even looking, he slipped into my life someone who would teach me how to love unconditionally and keep on giving without demanding anything back in return.
He is someone who I just have to be with and talk with to be filled with all the hope and optimism that makes me confident enough to face everyone from dominating relatives to corrupt world leaders.
It is a relationship, which we have given no name, except that the laughter we share today will sow the seeds for the happiness we share for the rest of our lives. The ones who love the best are those who can play several roles at the same time, and for me he has been a listener like a best friend, a nurturer like a parent, a playmate like a sibling, a healer like a saint.
Perhaps nobody else has loved me as much as he does, except for my father.
Saturday night, I spoke to my father in tears, tired of living with strange people in a foreign land, unable to tell him what pained me for fear of upsetting him in return.

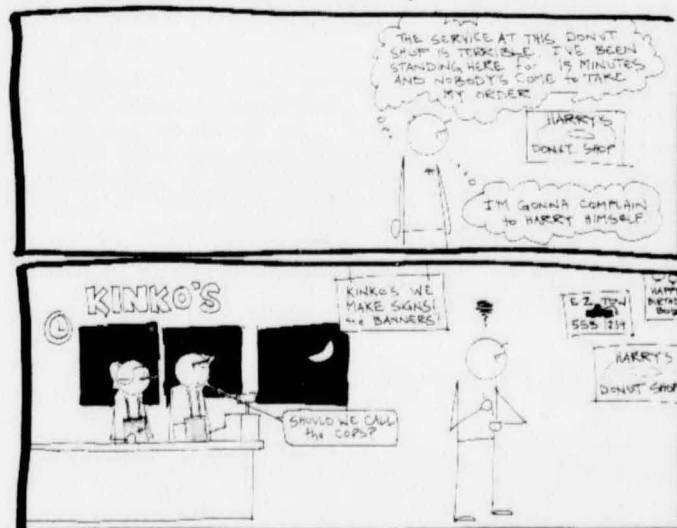


RIMA SHAH

What caught me by surprise were the tears in the other end of the line and the pain he felt at my grief.
My father always said he may not always have a lot of money to give to my brother and I, but he will always give us the blessings and wisdom he can to let us live a good life.
With immense ability to forgive and heal, my father has raised my brother and I as if we were the most fragile and precious things on Earth and yet has given us strength through his teachings to survive the worst of life's experiences.
He nurtured my brother and me with the very best he could provide us — never saying no to add one more book to our ever growing collection, to those art classes we would take and then discontinue when we ran out of interest.
He would guess and buy for us without our even telling him about the new clothes that we had seen in the shop window and wanted to wear but were afraid to ask because of the price.
It didn't matter how bad things would get. As long as my father was near me, I could always feel that they would get better.
My brother and I share the same feelings toward each other. Only 17, he will leave in less than a month to study medicine in Mauritius, and I always worry about who will take care of him then.
He has always been looked after at home. He is one of those people who can make me laugh just by standing in front of me, someone who has compassion to give his food to the homeless, and the temper of someone who can sit and sulk in a corner for days.
He can write elaborate computer programs and make beautiful drawings, and has all the wit and charisma of a stand up comic. He is the one people wait for in parties to make them laugh and the one they count on to listen to their problems.
These are the men in my life, the men who have been nurturing and strong at the same time, and who give without taking away my identity. As I go on in life and meet men who think they're showing their strength by yelling and shouting and snatching away at the esteem of women around them, I wonder if they could only see the difference between them and the four men in my life.

Rima Shah is a Spartan Daily copy editor. Perpetual Outsider appears every other Monday.

ANOTHER DIMENTIAN | JONAH PTAK



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Daily Mass takes place every weekday at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU campus Ministry Center. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

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Folklorico dancers from various regions of Mexico perform every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Mosaic in the Student Union. Beginners and advanced students are welcome. For more information, call Malenda Wallin at 247-1220.

STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP
The Office of the Student Life and Leadership is recruiting for 2004 Orientation Leaders. Applications are now available in Student Life and Leadership. Deadline is Oct. 31, no later than 5 pm. For more information, visit the table in front of the Student Union on Oct. 20, 22, 28, 29, and 31 for more information or contact us at the Orientation Office line at 924-5972.

TUESDAY

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES, COUNSELING SERVICES, STUDENTS UNION INC., MOSAIC, UNIVERSITY HOUSING SERVICES
"Do I Look Fat in This? Decoding the Language of Body Hatred" will take place today at noon in the Umuhum room in the Student Union. For more information, call Jen Styles at 924-6118.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Biological Student's Association will hold a Halloween party today from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union. Costumes are encouraged. There is no cover charge.

PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
A Polynesian dance class will take place today from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the Aerobics room in the Event Center. For more information, e-mail prideofthepacificislands_sjsu@yahoo.com.

PHI ALPHA THETA HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY
A book sale will take place today outside of Dudley Moorhead Hall.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS MEETINGS
The campus Recreation department of Associated Students will hold captain's meetings today for the formation of the fall 2003 badminton and volleyball leagues at the Associated Students House. The meeting for the badminton league will be held at 3:30 p.m. and the meeting for the volleyball league will be held at 4 p.m. If you don't have a team but would like one, please attend the meeting.

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Disney premieres new hall

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LOS ANGELES — Hollywood, whose power brokers were among the missing when the new Walt Disney Concert Hall's supporters were desperately seeking money to finish their eccentric building, was saluted in the third and final program marking the hall's grand opening.

The first two programs, on Thursday and Friday night, were devoted to classical music, both traditional and modern, befitting the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. Friday's third program, titled "Soundstage L.A.," offered pop songs and scores from movies such as "Wuthering Heights" and "Planet of the Apes."

Hollywood composer John Williams also conducted a brand-new composition, "Soundings," which drew a sitting ovation, perhaps because Angelinos remembered his stirring fanfare for the 1984 Olympics.

Steven Spielberg, Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones provided star power for the program, but despite the masterful works by acoustician Yasuhisa Toyota, their remarks on the p.a. system could not be heard in the upper reaches.

Spielberg paid tribute to both Disney and architect Frank Gehry, whose design of the \$274 million temple is being hailed as the crowning achievement in a long and storied career.

"Walt and Frank are the perfect match, an artistic marriage made in heaven," the director told the audience.

Except for the Disney family, which supplied the initial money and much more to keep the project going, support from Hollywood people was scant. Some observers figured the bosses of the conglomerates who own today's studios were reluctant to throw money at a building that bore the name of a competitor.



Autumn Cruz / Daily Staff

Petr Kopecky stands in the trunk of a split redwood tree at Henry Cowell State Park Friday. Kopecky is a Fulbright Scholar from the Czech Republic who is studying the works of California nature writers at San Jose State University. Part of his research involves visiting the California wilderness that inspired the writings of authors like John Muir and John Steinbeck.

Czeching the environment

Fulbright Scholar
Kopecky studies
California literature

By Jenny Shearer
Daily Staff Writer

Bridges of academic scholarship and friendship are being built between the San Jose State University and the University of Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

SJSU is hosting Petr Kopecky, a Fulbright Scholar from the Czech Republic, this year. Kopecky is combining his love of California nature writing with his commitment toward environmental issues.

Kopecky said he's researching the connection between California nature writers such as John Muir and Gary Snyder and deep ecology, an environmental movement that evolved in the 1970s, for his dissertation.

Arnie Naess, a Norwegian philosopher, coined the term deep ecology, Kopecky said.

Deep ecology "looks at the environment not as something that people stand above, but we are equal with, so it takes a more bio-centric, eco-centric view of the world, if you wish, as opposed to the anthropocentric (view)," Kopecky said.

He said he's one of the few American Studies scholars in the Czech Republic.

"American Studies is a field that's very new to the Czech Republic for obvious reasons. (Before 1989), America was presented to Czechs mostly through the writings of left-wing socialist writers who were critical of the American capitalistic society," Kopecky said.

He's interested in studying nineteenth-century American writers, especially the transcendentalists, Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Kopecky said that although the transcendentalists liked nature, they went to nature primarily to improve themselves.

"Nature was instrumental in improving yourself, so in a way, it was anthropocentric. The ultimate goal was the improvement of the human being," Kopecky said.

"The central figures of deep ecology are really people like John Muir and Gary Snyder, but nature writings, the literary representations of nature, are to be found in so many works by California writers, which is not entirely surprising if you know the history of

California," Kopecky said.

"This was a land to which you came into contact with this sublime natural environment and it really was inevitable for these writers to respond to this environment in their literary works," Kopecky said.

Kopecky's research is interdisciplinary and features elements of American studies, environmental studies and history. He said he couldn't do the research he needed to do in the Czech Republic because he doesn't have access to the same academic resources.

Lester Rowntree, an environmental studies professor, said he thinks Kopecky's research is promising.

"It would be innovative in my mind if someone from our country did this," Rowntree said. "It's terribly innovative and impressive to see a person come from the Czech Republic with such a knowledge of American nature writers and environmental philosophy."

"Petr is extremely well-versed in this philosophical and even ethical context. He will probably make a very interesting contribution to American Studies and our understanding of these ties of

protecting the land in his home city, Roznov pod Radhostem, from being developed into a coal mining region by a large Czech mining company, OKD. "My hometown lies in the middle of a protected landscape area, which is sort of equivalent to your state parks, a step below your national parks," Kopecky said. "We have national parks and then we have protected land areas. So you can imagine that it's a resource of great natural value."

At 21, Kopecky said he helped set up a condition of nongovernmental organizations within the Czech Republic to protest the mining company's development plans.

The stance Kopecky took against the mining company as well as his participation in other nonprofit work helped him get elected to Roznov's city council at 26.

"My platform was the environment in general, to promote the ideas of sustainable development in the town, which covers everything, from the environment to social issues, to culture and housing."

Now 27, Kopecky said he's one of the youngest people in history to serve on the city council.

Although Kopecky thought it best to resign from his council position when he learned he'd be in the United States for eight months on his Fulbright fellowship, his colleagues encouraged him to remain on the board.

He said he continues to lead a committee of his council colleagues and even votes through e-mail.

Kopecky said he chose to come to SJSU for his fellowship because of the enthusiastic response he received from Karl Toepfer, the associate dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts, and Guenter.

When he returns to the Czech Republic, Kopecky said he wants to implement the teaching methods he's learned from auditing seminars at SJSU in his own teaching.

"I want to offer a seminar on California, 'Dream of Californication,' which would incorporate different fields of study: geography, history, biology, but mainly literature," he said.

In addition to teaching, Kopecky is considering translating Muir's writing into Czech, because Muir is not well known there, even to environmentalists.

He said he's already completed a Czech translation of George Orwell's "Coming Up for Air."

When asked if he has role models, Kopecky said although there are people with wonderful minds that he admires, "I want to go my own way. I don't want to follow the trail that has been used by somebody else."

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Petr Kopecky,
Fulbright Scholar

past philosophies and ethics and today," Rowntree said.

Kopecky shares an office with Scott Guenter, an American Studies professor and coordinator of SJSU's American Studies program.

"A lot of the writers that he's studying are important writers in California's history," Guenter said. "So when he asked for support to come here, I offered as much support as I could."

He said although Kopecky is here to do research, not to teach, he will present a guest lecture for Guenter's Nature and World Cultures class and for other classes as well.

Kopecky said he developed an awareness about environmental issues through the friends he made while a student at the University of Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

He said he became involved with

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who now has tenure, said she realized how useful the student evaluations are when she received low rates on certain evaluation questions when she started teaching.

"They said I wasn't prepared because I was looking at the clock all the time," Cara said. "It made me think that you don't have any idea how students really evaluate you."

Weyder Wu, a computer engineering professor who is on tenure track, said the subjective section is useful for teachers to improve their methods, but he said it will be difficult to interpret the data.

"Subjective data is liable for more variation...Students need to provide more detail so that the teacher can understand what they wanted to say," Wu said.

Some students agreed the majority of their peers don't like the subjective section because it requires extra effort.

Jarvin Balderama, a senior mathematics major who's filled out open-ended evaluation questions before, said usually students tell the truth in the forms, but they don't like the writing part.

"A lot of people just want to get it over with and turn it in without writing anything. In those writing parts I just put 'No comments.'"

Celina Escobedo, a senior administration of justice major, said most students don't like the forms in general.

"But there are some who feel it's a good opportunity to express their opinion to the teacher anonymously," Escobedo said.

The previous form was based more around the instructor's popularity than on effectiveness, Katz said.

The new university policy requires that all instructors administer the evaluation form to every class that receives academic credit, Katz said.

"It's the university policy that all faculty use the new instrument in all of their courses, even if the union contract indicates which courses to officially use," Katz said.

The contract with the California Faculty Association requires that only the results from two classes per year be submitted for evaluation, Katz said.

The evaluations are used for retirement, tenure and promotion, Aquino said. However, because teachers' performances have been evaluated upon old standards since the early 1990s, new norms had to be introduced, Bienenfeld said.

Norming a teachers' performance means comparing its scores with the evaluation scores in the department, in the college and, finally, in the university, Katz said.

The Academic Senate reached a compromise to satisfy both union require-

ments and university norming needs, Katz said.

"The university requires the forms from all classes for norming purposes, but it gives faculty the opportunity to choose which two classes to be submitted for evaluation," Katz said.

Therefore, the results will be split in two categories: for official and for personal use, Bienenfeld and Aquino said.

"Official results will be used for retirement, tenure and promotion. Those for personal use will be submitted only to the instructor," Aquino said.

He said department chairs, to whom official results are filed, are not allowed to see personal use results.

According to the university policy, instructors have to choose the two courses prior to the administration of the evaluation form.

Bienenfeld said from now on, the university would introduce new evaluation norms every five years.

It took four years to design and test the new form, Bienenfeld said.

She said the review board first collected samples of forms from other California State Universities and other campuses and then selected a large number of questions. After narrowing down to 36 questions, the review board tested them to thousands of faculty and students during forums and focus groups, Bienenfeld said. A second testing occurred after narrowing again down to 13 questions, Bienenfeld said.

She said the new forms contain a rating system based on levels of agreements, as compared to a formal rating system before.

"The questions are designed to encourage people to think separately about each question," Bienenfeld said.

Patrick Hamill, a physics professor and a member of the Academic Senate, said he voted against the form.

"Some of the questions are ambiguous," he said.

The new university policy changed how the evaluation form is handled, Aquino and Katz said.

"We are trying to tighten the proce-

dures," Katz said.

According to university policy, the form has to be passed out during the first 30 minutes of class, when the teacher has to leave the room.

Aquino said teachers are not allowed anymore to collect the forms themselves. Instead, they will choose a proctor to gather the completed forms, seal the envelope and submit it in one of the nine mailboxes scattered throughout the campus.

"There's been a lot of concern and sensitivity around the new forms," Aquino said. "We will make sure we handle it very confidential. We want to meet everyone's comfort level."

Aquino said students taking off-campus classes would be able to mail the form themselves.

The forms will be administered from Nov. 24 to Dec. 9, he said.

This year, 100,000 forms to 2,500 classes will be passed out, as compared to 5,000 in previous years, Aquino said.

The evaluation form designed for laboratories is also undergoing testing now, Aquino said.

The university policy passed by the Academic Senate in March estimates the budget for implementation per semester between \$7,000 and \$10,000. However, the policy stipulates that the full administration of the form will be interrupted for two years, "if the president determines that the cost of implementation is inappropriate given the budget climate."

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reach with other student organizations," he said.

"There's not much education on the Greek system. You only learn about Greek life if you're Greek, or have Greek ties."

At its worst, Greek life resembles a popularity contest, said Nancie Fimbel, associate dean in the College of Business and faculty panelist.

"Sometimes it can get too cliquy," she said. "It can turn ugly on some campuses."

But at SJSU, where undergraduates numbered 22,152 in the Fall 2002 semester, Fimbel said Greek life helps individual students find friends in an alienating campus swarm.

According to a dossier distributed to task force members, 4.3 percent of undergraduates belonged to Greek organizations in Fall 2002.

Despite having some Greek friends, Tapiador said he told the committee that some members of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Allies have been verbally harassed by other Greeks.

"I asked them, where does a person who has been targeted (harassed) by a Greek go to report it?" he said.

Tapiador said he regrets the fact there is even a climate for rumors of Greek debauchery and misconduct.

"I don't want to have to hear stories about 'this frat raped this girl,' or about harassment," he said.

All in all, though, he said he feels Greek organizations do the same things as other student groups, such as build community and foster sisterhood and brotherhood.

Downplaying the party image

As was the case at Chico State University, the SJSU Greek Life Task Force broached the topic of reckless alcohol consumption, according to Baird and other constituents.

The committee heard from University Police Department Sgt. Shannon Maloney, who spoke about excessive noise complaints at local Greek houses, Fimbel said.

Maloney, currently out of town, was unavailable for comment.

The notion of Greeks having more "fun" than non-Greeks is a misconception, Baird said.

"It's our sense that Greeks don't party anymore than anyone else in college," he said.

Robert Sylvia, a task force member who works for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, said he said he believes Baird is correct, but he did not have any solid data on the matter.

Still, one academic department chair said the Greek system pushes drinking too much.

"What I have seen from fraternities and sororities is they don't encourage academics as much as they encourage drinking and partying," said George Vasquez, chair of the history department.

Vasquez said he was against fraternities and sororities and had not been informed about the task force.

James Brent, professor of political science, said he attended a September meeting as an invited panelist when boozing came up.

Like Baird, he said he didn't feel it was an intrinsic problem in the Greek system.

"I don't think drinking is more common among Greeks than non-Greeks," he said.

"Lots of non-Greek groups drink and get into trouble."

With a laugh, he added, "I never learned to be Greek in college, but I did learn to drink."

Brent said it might be that people who are more social and prone to drink join fraternities and sororities, "and it's not necessarily the organizations' fault. It's complex."

Greek organizations get a bad rap

Others on the investigatory committee said negative issues, such as drinking and sexual harassment, are overblown in the media and don't reflect Greek organizations on the whole.

"The only time the media reports on the Greeks is when something negative happens," said alumnus and task force member Cynthia Cobb. "The local community is very positive about fraternities and sororities, and it receives support from them."

Blake Balajadia, president of Alpha Kappa Omega, said the media fallout surrounding last year's fraternity fight and homicide cast a negative light on all Greeks.

"It reflects on all of us," he said. "And the fight was probably started by just two or three guys. It takes 50 million good things to erase one bad deed."

Another Greek president said the presence of a task force irks him.

"My organization doesn't do things like go out and try to fight people," said Joshua Kas-Osoka, president of Phi Beta Sigma, an African American interest fraternity.

Kas-Osoka, who is not on the task force, said he believes the committee came about partly because of a fight on campus last October at an African American sorority dance.

He said organizations such as his



JaShong King / Daily File Photo

Officer Paul Gillies of the San Jose Police Department lifts up police tape as he exits a cordoned off basketball court on Jan. 22 at Flickinger Park in Northeast San Jose. A brawl early that morning left several people injured and one student dead. It was one of several instances involving Greek students that prompted former SJSU President Robert Caret to create a Greek Life Task Force.

still pay the price for other people's mistakes.

"Things used to be easier," he said. "Now it's difficult for black fraternities to use the Student Union."

Though the task force has not dwelled upon last year's fraternity fight in its bi-weekly meetings, Whitcomb said the incident did "bring a dark cloud over the university" and caused enough alarm to spur an investigation of Greek life.

Pi Kappa Alpha President John Van Metre, who is not on the task force, said he hopes the committee bolsters the positive aspects of Greek life.

"I have heard (from Interfraternity Council President Walker Kellogg) that they are not looking to punish Greek organizations," he said. "I think there might be a negative sense (about Greeks) among some commuters who don't really contribute to campus life. I don't value those opinions."

Nevertheless, Baird said a closer look at the accountability and expectations

of Greek organizations is needed to improve the system.

Greek councils need support

Cobb, a former Beta Phi Beta sister in the 1980s, said some criticisms raised in the meetings have been valid, especially those concerning the need for more coordination among the four Greek umbrella regimes at SJSU.

In fact, Caret's charge to the task force includes examining the governing role and structure of the four coordinating Greek councils and recommending changes, according to task force documents.

As it stands, fraternities and sororities participate in one of four coordinating councils, each with its own set of traditions and standards. The councils report separately to the university.

Last year, Moran said the two fraternities caught up in the brawl had lacked membership in an official

council.

The four governing bodies are the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the National PanHellenic Sororities and Fraternities and the United Sorority and Fraternity Council, according to the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

Currently, interaction between the councils remains unstipulated, said Balajadia, a fraternity president on the task force.

"It would be nice if there was more communication," he said. "Once a month meetings between council executives to announce activities would be good."

But at least communication between the school and Greek organizations seems to be getting better, thanks to the task force, he said.

"The relationship was kind of laissez-faire until the incident last January. That was a wake-up call," he said.

Balajadia's fraternity, Alpha Kappa Omega, promotes Filipino culture and belongs to the newly launched United Sorority and Fraternity Council. The council, still in its debut semester, represents SJSU's fledgling flock of ethnically diverse and multicultural Greek groups, according to student life information.

Before last winter's tragic fight at Flickinger Park, which involved two Asian American fraternities (now-suspended Lambda Phi Epsilon and Pi Alpha Phi), no such governing council existed officially, according to a pre-task force report issued by student life officials.

Van Metre said banging out a set of across-the-board standards for academics, service and membership would strengthen Greek culture at SJSU.

As far as bylaws and charters are concerned, he said the tradition-steeped Interfraternity

Council, to which his fraternity belongs, plans to meet this semester with the United Sorority and Fraternity Council to help the new group build a strong leadership base.

Task force report will be public

A final report from the closed-door task force is due out Dec. 10 and will be made public at an open meeting and passed on to Interim President Joseph Crowley, Baird said.

However, exactly how or when the task force's report of recommendations would shape future Greek policies remains unclear, Whitcomb said.

"I don't know what the outcome of this will be," he said.

Moran said the group has been grappling with how to organize its findings in a cohesive report.

"We're asking, where are we now?" she said.

Crowley, who expects to be replaced by a new university president in January, said the report from the task force should first be widely circulated among students and faculty members before the implementation of new policies.

"We ought to hear from anyone else who wants to chime in before reaching a decision," he said.

Along those lines, Connie Huyck, Greek life program coordinator at Chico State University, said student panels have been meeting since 2002 to give feedback on Chico's task force report on Greek life.

Baird said more discussions should follow at SJSU.

"We don't want to stop with this report," he said. "That would be a disaster."

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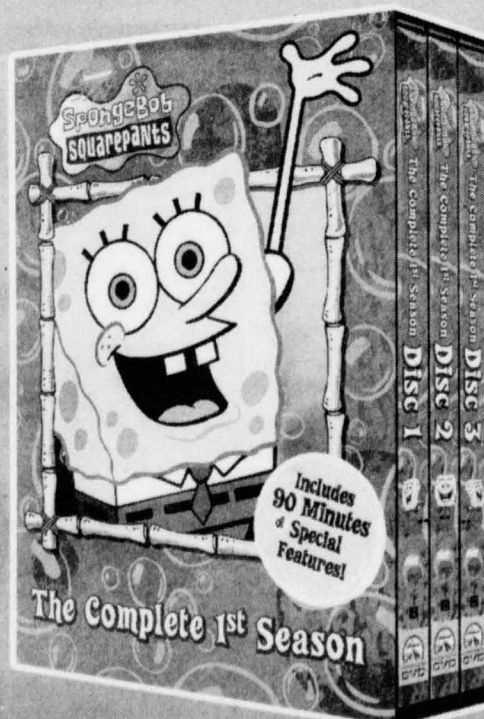
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University of Tulsa 1, San Jose State University 0

Gilmore's girls end season in pointless duel

By David Weinstein
Daily Staff Writer

With no post-season hopes alive, the San Jose State University women's soccer team lost to the University of Tulsa 1-0 Sunday at Spartan Soccer Field.

SJSU lost a back and forth game after its opportunity to make the Western Athletic Conference tournament ended Friday following Boise State University's 2-1 win over University of Texas El Paso.

The combination of Boise State's win and the Spartans 2-0 loss Friday to Rice University knocked SJSU out of post-season contention.

"We didn't really touch on that following the Rice game," interim head coach Cris Gilmore said. "I don't think any of the girls really knew we were already out of it."

Including Sunday, the Spartans (1-7 WAC, 2-15 overall) have been shut out in three straight matches.

In four games, SJSU's scoreless streak has now reached 306 minutes.

SJSU's last goal came in the 30th minute against Sacramento State University Oct. 15.

Spartans forward Christina Morrison came out of the first half because of sickness and said the team needs to work on finishing.

"No one wanted to take that extra step to finish a goal," Morrison said. "We had our chances, but we need to be more selfish in the box."

The Spartans finished the match with eight shots to Tulsa's 12.

Sunday's win was the first road win of the season for the Golden Hurricane.

Tulsa (2-6 WAC, 5-11-1 overall) was coming off a 4-0 loss Thursday at Fresno State University.

Tulsa's only other win in the WAC was a 1-0 victory over Boise State University Oct. 17.

The teams played back and forth for the first 30 minutes, until a miscue on the Spartans back line resulted in the game's only goal in the 35th minute.

"It was just a bad pass to (midfield

er) Heather (Dickinson) and Tulsa intercepted the pass and they had numbers," Gilmore said.

Tulsa defender Carrie Schnarre fed forward Susan Day who finally beat Spartans goalie Erin Lavey with a low one-touch shot for her second goal of the season.

Coming into Sunday's match, the Golden Hurricane and the Spartans were in a dead tie for last place in the WAC with marks of 1-6.

Despite the loss, Gilmore said he was pleased with both of his goalkeepers.

Gilmore has been rotating sophomore's Adrienne Herbst and Erin Lavey at the goalie position.

"Adrienne Herbst stepped up in the second half and made some really good saves," Gilmore said. "The two of them have been playing solid while sharing time."

Lavey started the game in net and made several goal-saving plays.

In the seventh minute, Lavey dove low to make a one-handed save and then again in the 33rd minute.

Lavey finished with two saves Sunday and said the team struggled to play their ground game.

"Our breakdowns were keeping possession and keeping the ball on the ground," Lavey said. "We have a tendency to struggle with keeping it on the ground."

Gilmore inserted Herbst in the second half.

In the 60th minute, Herbst made a point-blank save during a one-on-one play with Day.

The sophomore transfer made three saves at held Tulsa scoreless in the second half.

SJSU has been hampered by injuries all season and several Spartans suffered injuries in the Sunday's game.

The Spartans Andrea Puljiz and Morrison both started the second half despite first half injuries.

Puljiz went down in the first half with a sprained ankle and Morrison was sidelined with sickness and dehydration.

SJSU's Dickinson also suffered an ankle injury when a Tulsa forward got her cleats underneath Dickinson's shin guard, Gilmore said.

The Spartans received two yellow cards and Tulsa was charged with one in the match.

With 18 minutes remaining in the first frame, midfielder Allison Jablonsky received a yellow card after kicking the ball away in frustration during time-stoppage.

In the 82nd minute, Spartans captain Marie McCann was flagged for a card after she took out a Tulsa player along the sideline.

Golden Hurricane head coach Damon Gore said he was upset with the officiating all day.

"There was a pattern of inconsistency on obstruction calls, 50-50 calls in the air and difficulty substituting our players," Gore said.

Tulsa received a team yellow card in the 82nd minute after Gore got off the bench to yell at the officials.

Referee Rich Hottel warned Gore several times for his comments regarding the officiating before finally carding him.

At halftime, Gilmore said he told the team to work on a number of things.

"I told them to get rid of the ball faster and for the midfielders to support the front line when we're attacking, and I told them to make more runs from the back," Gilmore said.

It was the final conference game for the three seniors on the Spartans.

Seniors Marie McCann, Kelly Nunn and Vanessa Afonso all suited up in their last conference game in a Spartans uniform.

Following the game, Gilmore held a 10-minute team meeting to listen to his squad talk about the game and the season.

The Spartans square off with non-conference opponent St. Mary's College Wednesday at Spartan Soccer Field. Kickoff is slated for 2 p.m.

Hornets cloud Spartans' day



Amanda Hilty / Special To The Daily

Members of the San Jose State University men's rugby club, right, defend against a Sacramento State University ruck on Saturday at a tournament hosted by UC Santa Cruz. A ruck is formed when a ball carrier is tackled and players from each team close around the ball in an attempt to gain possession. SJSU, which lost the match to the Hornets, begins its regular season in January.

Fires move Monday Night Football

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The NFL moved tonight's Chargers-Dolphins game from San Diego to Tempe, Ariz., because of wildfires in the San Diego area.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in a statement Sunday night that the city of San Diego advised the league it could not play the game in Qualcomm Stadium.

The sky throughout the county was choked with smoke and ash from three fast-moving fires that burned more than 264,000 acres, killed 13 people and burned nearly 850 homes by Sunday evening. The state's largest fire, in eastern San Diego County, caused at least nine deaths.

Mayor Dick Murphy urged the NFL to either postpone or move the game and Tagliabue complied.

Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said he also told the league the game shouldn't be played in San Diego.

"I just can't see us turning around and going to our stadium and playing Monday night football," he said. "There's too much devastation going on for that. Too much."

"I think the league did the right thing. To turn around and run out of the tunnel at Qualcomm with all the things going on, it wasn't right for me."

Monday night's game was to be a homecoming for linebacker Junior Seau, who played his first 13 seasons in San Diego before being traded to the Dolphins this year.

"Moving the game is very disappointing to everyone," Seau said, "but obviously for the safety of everyone it is probably the best decision to make right now."

"Our prayers are with the San Diego residents and everyone that is affected by it."

Tickets to the game on the campus of Arizona State University will be free, but people will be asked to make a donation to the San Diego Wildfire Relief Fund.

"People can come through, get their ticket and then make a donation," Cardinals vice president and general counsel Michael Bidwill said. "I would just encourage everyone in the Phoenix area to come out and support this."

"Many of us visit San Diego. Obviously it's a neighboring community that's got some real problems. We

can all raise a little bit of money ... and try to help out our friends over in San Diego."

Chargers ticket holders will get full refunds for the game, the team said.

Trucks were driving some of the equipment for ABC's "Monday Night Football" telecast the six hours from San Diego to Tempe. Those involved with the broadcast were driving to Burbank, where they were scheduled to fly to Tempe. Analyst John Madden was the exception — he was taking his bus to Arizona.

It would be the first "Monday Night Football" game this season not shown in high-definition, and the network would have fewer cameras available.

"I'm sure the viewer really won't notice anything different," ABC spokesman Mark Mandel said.

Qualcomm Stadium's parking lot was turned into a major evacuation center as residents from several surrounding neighborhoods were ordered out of their homes by authorities. NFL network telecasts were pre-empted in the San Diego area for coverage of the fires. The Dolphins left Miami on Sunday morning aware that the San Diego airport could be closed when they arrived.

Spartan football team obliterated; SJSU volleyball team splits on road

Daily Staff Report

The Boise State University football team scored almost every way possible against San Jose State University en route to a 77-14 blowout of the Spartans Saturday in Idaho.

SPARTAN ROUNDUP

The Spartans fell to a 1-3 in the Western Athletic Conference and 2-5 overall, while the Broncos remain undefeated in the WAC (4-0) and improved to 6-1 on the season.

Broncos quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie threw four touchdowns and ran for another against the Spartans, all in the first half.

Dinwiddie was then replaced midway through the third quarter by Jared Zabransky after passing for his fifth touchdown, that one to wide receiver Tim Gilligan who had 114 receiving yards in the game.

Boise State only attempted three more passes in the game, including a 77-yard touchdown pass thrown by Zabransky, his first touchdown completion at the college level.

Bronco running backs Jeff Carpenter and David Mikell rushed for a combined 97 yards and one touchdown a piece.

The Boise State defensive touch-

down came on cornerback Gabe Franklin 19-yard fumble recovery.

The Spartans also gave up two safeties in the game, both caused by snaps over punter Bryce Partridge's head, sending the ball rolling out of the back of the end zone.

The only Spartan highlight from the game was senior quarterback Scott Rislov.

Rislov completed 25 passes on 40 attempts with two touchdowns, one to tight end Leon Pinky, the other to wide receiver Rafael Pineda.

The Spartans next game is on Saturday against the University of Hawai'i at Spartan Stadium with kickoff scheduled for noon.

Volleyball

The Spartan volleyball split its last two matches, losing to Rice University on Saturday and defeating the University of Tulsa on Thursday.

The weekend brought the SJSU's record to 5-4 in the WAC and 6-13 overall.

The Spartans lost to Rice in four sets, 30-16, 30-20, 24-30 and 30-25. Outside hitter Kimberly Noble led the Spartans with 18 kills and 10 digs.

Outside hitter Kristina Conrad had a season-high six blocks, as well as 16 digs and seven assists.

Middle blockers Dana Rudd and Jessica Wlodarczyk each added 10 kills and four blocks.

The Spartan defeated Tulsa in four

sets, 30-27, 30-24, 26-30 and 30-26.

Outside hitter Carrie Nash had a double-double for the Spartans with 18 kills and 24 digs.

Noble led the Spartans with 23 kills.

Their next game is on Tuesday at St. Mary's College with a scheduled start for 7 p.m.

Swimming

The Spartan women's swim team lost at Oregon State University on Saturday 141-99.

SJSU's record fell to 0-3 in dual meet action.

The Spartans took only three races, however, they were the final three exhibition races held at the end of the meet.

SJSU's Alli Adams won the 400-meter individual medley in a time of four minutes 54.39 seconds.

Teammate Lura Wilhelm placed first in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 58.34 seconds.

The 200-meter freestyle relay team of Wilhelm, Rose Henry, Lisa Covey and Sheena Wellman won in a time of 1:41.06.

Adams also placed second in the 200-meter breaststroke and third in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Wilhelm placed second in the 200-meter butterfly.

The team of Wilhelm, Adams, Covey and Wellman also finished second in the 400-meter medley relay.

The next meet for the Spartans is Nov. 14 at Cal Berkeley.

Blackhawks tie-up Mighty Ducks

Associated Press

ANAHEIM — Joffrey Lupul scored on a power play with 7:10 left in the third period and Martin Gerber made 25 saves as the Anaheim Mighty Ducks tied the Chicago Blackhawks 1-1 Sunday night.

Chicago's Scott Nichol was off for holding Petr Sykora when the Ducks pulled even. Niclas Havelid got the puck in the high slot from Steve Rucchin, faked a slap shot and slid the puck to Lupul, who one-timed it past goaltender Michael Leighton's stick for his second NHL goal and second in as many games. Leighton made 31 saves.

The best chance either team had in overtime came 35 seconds into the

extra period, when Chicago's Nathan Dempsey tried to redirect Steve Sullivan's feed from the top of the left circle before Gerber slid out to steer it away — one of five saves he made in the extra five-minute period.

The Blackhawks, who took just four shots in each of the last two periods of Saturday's 3-2 victory at Los Angeles, had only four shots in the second period against Anaheim.

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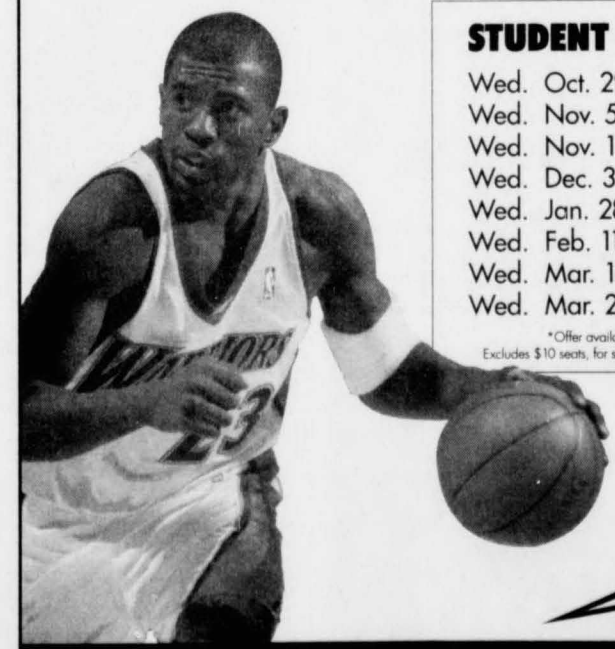
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Photojournalism program still clicking

By Ron Pangrac
Daily Staff Writer

Stories were told nonstop Saturday evening in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union.

"This is a room full of people who tell stories," said Kim Komenich, a Pulitzer Prize-winning graduate of San Jose State University's photojournalism program.

Komenich was attending a reunion celebrating more than 40 years of photojournalism at SJSU. More than 150 people attended the event.

Stories were shared both verbally and visually.

At the opening reception, professors and graduates of the program laughed and talked as they renewed connections and friendships, some going back decades.

During dinner, photographs projected on the wall of the ballroom displayed a history of the photojournalism program and showed professional work of program graduates.

"We communicate stories with our cameras," said Dennis Dunleavy, assistant professor of photojournalism. "We communicate truth with our cameras."

Jim McNay, an SJSU photojournalism professor from 1983 to 2000, said by means of photographs, members of society who otherwise may not be heard can have their stories told.

"There is the possibility to be a voice for the voiceless," McNay said.

After the dinner, tributes were given to some former professors, including Dwight Bentel, founder of the photojournalism program.

Bentel came to the school, then called San Jose State College, as a student in 1928 and started teaching journalism at SJSU in 1934. He retired in 1974, and in 1982, the journalism building was renamed Dwight Bentel Hall.

In 1948, Bentel first offered a Press Photography course. He saw a need to create a program that focused on photojournalism distinct from reporting and editing.

"It was based on the fact that editors didn't understand using pictures," Bentel said. "I asked, 'Why aren't we teaching photography?' Pictures are a major medium for communicating information."

In 1962, Joe Swan became the first tenured professor in the photojournalism program and taught until the early 1980s.

Former students paid tribute to Bentel, Swan, McNay and Jack Fields, a former National Geographic photographer who taught at SJSU in the 1960s and again in the 1970s.

Many graduates at the reunion still work as photojournalists.

"I love shooting," said Komenich, who works as a photographer for the San Francisco Chronicle. "I am such a picture guy."

Komenich won the Pulitzer Prize in 1986 for a series of photographs covering the end of Ferdinand Marcos' rule of the Philippines.

Another graduate, Steve Starr, is also a Pulitzer Prize winner.

Working for the Associated Press, Starr won in 1970 for a spot news photo of demonstrating students at Cornell University in New York.

"AP was looking for guys to cover Vietnam, but I was too young," Starr said. "They sent me to Albany (and) there were a lot of anti-war demonstrations."

Some of the younger graduates at the reunion talked about the appeal of photojournalism.

"When we see a fire, it's in our blood to grab the camera and go take pictures," said Douglas Rider, a 2002 graduate. "It's really not a glamorous thing. We have to cover car accidents. We have to cover death."

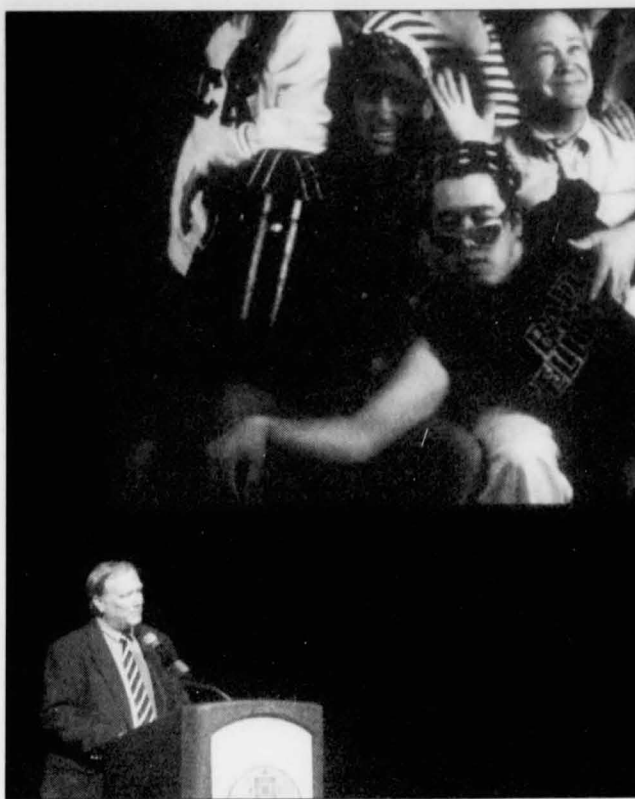
Rider said the profession also has mundane aspects.

"We have to pay our dues and spend our time on small papers. We have to shoot the pet of the week," Rider said. However, he said he would not want to do any other work.

Rider noted that the pay for a photojournalist isn't great, but said, "It's a cool job because I get to do a little bit of everything."

Bentel said he is bothered when people assume a new technology, such as digital photography, will remove the need for trained photojournalists.

"The notion that someone can snap a lot of pictures and one is bound to be good — that isn't the way it works," he said. "The fact is, good photographs are not made by a camera."



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Jim McNay, a former chair of the photojournalism program, speaks to alumni and current students at the 40-year photojournalism reunion dinner in the Barrett Ballroom Saturday evening.



Dwight Bentel, center, who established the SJSU journalism department in 1934, speaks with Dennis Wilcox, left, the current director of the school of journalism and mass communications, and Paul Sakuma, class of '77 and a current staff photographer with the Associated Press, during the reunion cocktail reception.

Lawmakers scrap North Korean field trip

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Republican congressman said Sunday that opposition from the White House caused him to scrub plans to lead a group of U.S. lawmakers to the site of North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

"At the 11th hour, the White House withdrew its support for our bipartisan visit to North Korea," Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., said in a statement. It said Sunday's scheduled departure has been delayed temporarily.

KCNA, North Korea's official news agency, reported that the congressional delegation had notified Kim Jong Il's government Friday that the trip was canceled "due to the opposition of the White House."

A White House official, speaking on

condition of anonymity, said Bush had good discussions on his recent trip to Asia on moving forward with multinational diplomacy to persuade the North to move forward to end its nuclear weapons program.

To try to keep the focus on that process, the official said, "we believe that a congressional delegation visit to North Korea at this time would not be appropriate."

Weldon is considered an expert on foreign policy matters, especially involving Russia, China and other former Cold War rivals such as North Korea.

He had planned to visit the communist-led North from Tuesday through Friday. He led a delegation there in late May and said on his return that North Korea's government was ready to bargain about its weapons development program and nuclear stockpiles.

KCNA said North Korea had planned to invite Weldon's delegation to visit Yongbyon, North Korea's main nuclear complex. Weldon and his congressional colleagues would have been the first outsiders at the plant since North Korea threw out U.N. nuclear inspectors late last year.

"Discussions continue between our delegation and North Korean officials," Weldon said in his statement. "The members of the delegation still believe that a congressional visit will positively impact relations between our two nations."

"In that regard, the North Koreans continue to make overtures that our delegation will have access to the Yongbyon nuclear facility."

North Korea said on Saturday it would consider President Bush's offer of written

security assurances in return for dismantling its nuclear weapons program.

A North Korean spokesman, quoted by KCNA, said his government was "ready to consider Bush's remarks on the 'written assurances of nonaggression' if they are based on the intention to coexist" and offer simultaneous actions.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday any reciprocal agreement leading to written assurances against an attack on North Korea would have to be verifiable.

"The president has made it clear since the beginning of this situation last year that he had no intention of invading North Korea," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "North Korea listened to these assurances, and we've been doing diplomatic dances for the last year."

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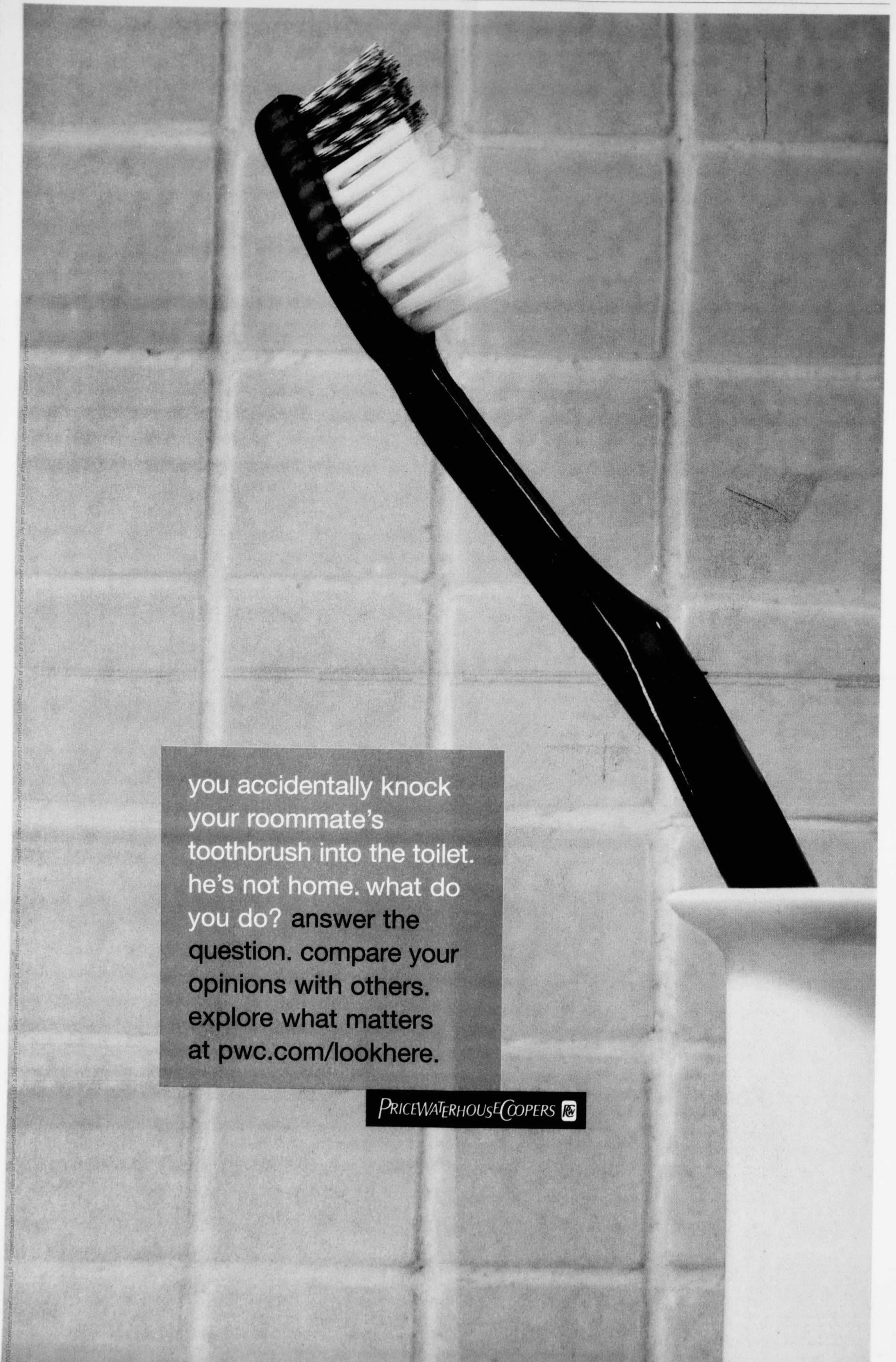
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